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FOLLOWING REPEAT TAIPEI 02005 ACTION SECSTATE INFO HONG KONG  
AND BANGKOK DATED APR 4, 1978.

QUOTE: CONFIDENTIAL TAIPEI 02005

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SUBJECT : ROC ACTION ON REFUGEES

REF: (A) TAIPEI 1763, (B) STATE 069361, (C) TAIPEI 1497

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXT WAS RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY TODAY  
WITH REGARD TO AMBASSADOR UNGER'S DEMARCHE. COMMENTS  
FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.

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2. QUOTE. "1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFERS  
TO THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN H.E. AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNGER  
AND H.E. MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN AT THE MINISTRY ON  
JANUARY 30, 1978, CONCERNING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES,  
ESPECIALLY BOAT CASE REFUGEES.

"2. AS STATED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE PLIGHT OF THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. IN SPITE OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS MADE GREAT EFFORTS IN THE RELIEF, RESCUE OR RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, THE DATA OF WHICH WERE PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1978.

"3. IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS DECIDED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES CONCERNING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES:

"A. TEMPORARY SHELTER WILL BE GIVEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF REFUGEES:

- "(1). REFUGEES ARRIVED AT TAIWAN BY SMALL BOATS;
- "(2). REFUGEES PICKED UP AT SEA BY CHINESE SHIP OR BOATS; AND
- "(3). INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN PICKED UP AT SEA BY FOREIGN SHIPS WITH ONE OF THE PORTS OF THE PROVINCE OF TAIWAN SCHEDULED AS THE FIRST PORT TO CALL.

"B. A RECEPTION CENTER FOR REFUGEES IS TO BE SET UP AT THE HSIAO LIU CHIU ISLAND.

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"C. APPLICATIONS BY INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN IN THAILAND FOR ADMISSION TO TAIWAN ARE TO BE PROCESSED INDIVIDUALLY.

"4. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CONTINUE ITS ASSISTANCE IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF THOSE REFUGEES WHO WISH TO PROCEED TO THE UNITED STATES OR OTHER DESTINATIONS.

"5. WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE MATTERS CONCERNING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES RAISED BY THE EMBASSY IN A LETTER DATED MARCH 22, 1978, THE MINISTRY WISHES TO STATE AS FOLLOWS:

"A. THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING AND REPATRIATING CHINESE REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM TOTALLING ABOUT 2,000 BY AIR OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. BOAT CASE REFUGEES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY.

"B. ALL BOAT CASE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN WHO ARRIVE IN TAIWAN WILL BE ALLOWED TO RESETTLE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, IF THEY SO WISH.

"C. THERE IS NO POLICY CHANGE INsofar AS CHINESE PASSPORT AND ENTRY PERMIT ARE CONCERNED. FOR SECURITY REASONS, PERSONS FROM COMMUNIST-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHO WISH TO COME TO TAIWAN ARE LIMITED TO THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS IN A NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY. OF COURSE, EXCEPTIONAL CASES CAN BE CONSIDERED THROUGH A PROCESS OF SPECIAL CLEARANCE.

"D. THE ADMISSION OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, INCLUDING REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN, ARE CONFINED TO THE FOUR CATEGORIES SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPHS A. (1),  
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(2), (3) AND C. OF PARAGRAPH 3. FOR REFUGEES IN THAILAND, APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY, TOGETHER WITH APPLICANTS PERSONAL DATA, SPONSORSHIP, ADDRESS OF CLOSE RELATIVES IN TAIWAN, ETC., MAY BE FILED AT THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE, CHINESE AIRLINES LTD., 10TH FL., 140 WIT THAYA ROAD, BANGKOK.

"E. THOSE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OF CHINESE ORIGIN IN THAILAND, INCLUDING BOAT CASE OR LAND CAMP REFUGEES, WHO WISH TO COME TO TAIWAN SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH D." CLOSE QUOTE.

3. CORRECTION: PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE QUOTE SHOULD READ "...IN THE RELIEF, RESCUE OR RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, ..."

4. CORRECTION: PARAGRAPH 1 SHOULD READ "THE FOLLOWING TEXT WAS RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY APRIL 3..." UNGER UNQUOTE VANCE

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